GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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AUSTERITY MEASURES
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government have directed all the departments to observe austerity measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to put a restriction on the telephone calls and consumption of diesel and petrol in vehicles being used by Government servants; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a) to (d): Keeping the Government expenditure under control is a continuous process and instructions in this regard are issued from time to time. These instructions include restriction on creation of posts, reduction in consumption/ expenditure on petrol, expenditure on telephones, STD facility, restriction on OTA, entertainment, purchase of vehicles, etc.